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FLUORINE RESIN TUBULAR ARTICLE, FIXING ROLL, FIXING BELT AND **IMAGE FIXING APPARATUS**

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7. [X] Comments:

JP 2003-029545A corresponds to US 2003/026631(A1), US 6,690,905(B2) and EP 1,280,018(A1).

JP 2003-029545A and JP 2003-149869A were cited in the corresponding Office Action in the Japanese patent application, which was the basic application for PCT/JP2004/009783. In the Office Action, these two references (JP 2003-029545A and JP 2003-149869A) were only mentioned in a few lines as follows:

"Using PTFE as a surface layer of a belt-type member for an electrophotograph is well known, such as described in the JP 2003-029545A, paragraph 0044, for instance."

"The belt-type members of the electrophotograph, which surface roughness are set $0.03\mu m$ and $0.11\mu m$, are described in the JP 2003-149869A, paragraph 0313 and 0315, for instance."

Respectfully submitted,

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